

N.J. School Board Rejects Religious Statue Protest

Pequanock, N. J. — (RNS) — The Board of Education here rejected a proposal that a citizens' committee be formed to protest the presence of religious statues in three parochial school classrooms temporarily used by public school pupils.



Notre Dame Honors Senator Kennedy

Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) — Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts has been named the recipient of the annual Patriotism Award of Notre Dame University's senior class. It was announced here.

He will receive the award and deliver the major address at the University's Washington birthday exercises on February 22.

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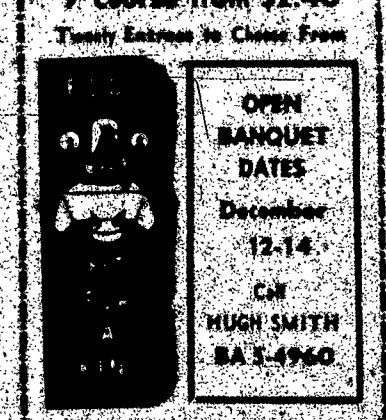
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Thailand Madonna

St. Louis, Mo. — (NC) — First image of Mary as Queen of Thailand, is shown above, a wood carving produced in Bangkok and brought to the U. S. by Redemptorist Father Graciano Smith. The carving shows Our Lady with shoulder veil and unusual pointed hat worn by Thailand's queen on state occasions in ancient times.

Soviets Lie On Deportations

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Thence they were taken to the railway station at Cegled in army trucks guarded by Red Army tanks. At Cegled they were herded into a special train and taken by way of Szekes, Debrecen and Zahony to Ungvar, the former Hungarian town of Ungvar annexed to the Soviet Ukraine in 1945.

THE MESSAGES bear this out. A girl who had been attending an arts college in Budapest sent the following to her parents:

"At the Ungvar railway station, as the boys passed by our wagon door they bade us goodbye. The sight was tragic. Many of the young freedom-fighters were badly beaten by guards."

"I saw young boys unable to walk; one strong student was beaten so terribly that he was moaning in the wagon. Many young workers had their hands bound behind their backs. A priest — also had his hands bound behind his back. The frost was biting the wounds and sores of the freedom-fighters."

ONE YOUNG metals worker was able to send back this telling message:

"The very day that our train reached Ungvar, the interrogations began. Hungarian A. V.O.H. men acted as interpreters. The Russians were very angry, and they fired hundreds of questions as to why we, particularly the Budapest workers, revolted against the regime. They had an answer for the students' part in the revolt; they said the students belonged to the remnants of the Hungarian bourgeoisie. But us, the young Hungarian work-

Rochester Dentist Heading For Africa, Volunteers Services To Jungle Missions

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are all trained nurses or doctors. "Sometime we worked from 5:15 in the morning until 10:30 at night," he recalls.

THE ROCHESTER dentist's proudest contribution to the Ndareda mission was the organization of a dental clinic. He taught the nuns how to make novocain injections and simple extractions. Dr. Lalonde, who has been in Africa before, thinks that his dental clinic is the first one in any African mission. "At least, it is the first one that I have ever seen in Africa," he reports.

Introduction of anesthetics and modern dental care by Dr. Lalonde was something new for the natives of Ndareda. "Before I got there," the dentist relates, "natives with toothache just had their teeth pulled out without anything to ease the pain."

Lack of humane and modern techniques in dental care, explains why "a toothache is a curse in Africa," according to Dr. Lalonde. It also explains why his clinic in Ndareda has proven so popular with the natives and why demands upon its services are growing.

HE LOOKS forward with enthusiasm to his return next month to his mission clinic in Africa where he plans to expand the work which he started this year, to develop the training of the nuns and "to work myself."

His program also calls for many trips (medical safaris) to care for natives in the bush who can not come to the hospital. In this phase of his work which he will do by auto he expects to cover 30,000 miles of travel.

To forestall any legal difficulties during his African stay, Dr. Lalonde, a University of Buffalo graduate (1921) and veteran practitioner (36 years in Rochester), recently acquired a license to practice dentistry in Tanganyika.



This is typical bush country at Ndareda in Tanganyika where Dr. Lalonde, Rochester dentist, will spend six months helping missionaries care for natives.

"I guess," he laughs, "I am the only University of Buffalo graduate ever to practice in Tanganyika."

By way of preparation, too, he already has shipped to Africa a ton of medical supplies which he collected for his work in the mission field.

INTEREST in the Catholic foreign mission work is a long-standing thing with the Rochester dentist and is linked to the fact that he is a veteran world traveler. With his late wife Hannah, who died less than three years ago, he has covered most corners of the world including not only all of the United States and Canada but also all of South America, the West Indies, Europe, China, Japan, India and, of course Africa.

"Wherever we travelled," Dr. Lalonde recalls, "my wife and I always looked in on the missionaries to see their work and to

find out how they were getting along." From personal observation he believes that the Catholic missions are the best organized and most efficient in the world. "A dollar given to the support of the missions is well spent," he testifies.

He also has strong convictions about the important role that lay volunteers can play in the work of the foreign mission field. "Lay men and women," he reports, "are needed in the missions and can give invaluable assistance to the missionaries. But lay volunteers," he warns, "must be ready to make sacrifices because no body gets paid out there."

DR. LALONDE is high in his praise of his new found missionary friends in Tanganyika. "The Medical Missionary Sisters of Mary," he exclaims, "are wonderful people and wonderful missionaries."

The Rochester dentist, we suspect, is equally esteemed in the jungle mission of Ndareda both by the Sisters and the natives. In fact, some of the natives, in gratitude for his work among them last year, already have named their children "Paul" in honor of Dr. Paul Lalonde of Rochester.

Catholic Veterans Score Warner Film

Washington — (NC) — In a telegram to Warner Bros., the Catholic War Veterans of U.S.A., said the film's action in releasing the motion picture "Baby Doll" was "short sighted and avaricious."

According to the text released here by the national headquarters, the Veterans organization said it would do "all in its power to see that such action will result in a financial fiasco for the company officers."

"Baby Doll" was recently condemned by the Legion of Decency as being "morally repellent both in theme and treatment." However, the film has a Seal of Approval from the Motion Picture Code Authority.

Catholic Parliament Leader Decries Anti-American Bias

London — (NC) — Lord Francis Pakenham, leading Catholic Laborite in the House of Lords, has reminded the free world of what it owes the United States.

Speaking at a public dinner here, Lord Pakenham said he was deeply disquieted by the signs of "incipient anti-Americanism observable at present in Great Britain."

"Have we forgotten the immense generosity of the Americans to so many people, including our own, since the war?" he asked. "Have we forgotten that the peace of the world and the defense of the free world against communism rests primarily in their hands?"

"While we are, of course, entitled to criticize them, as they are to criticize us, it seems to me that anybody who stirs up anti-American feeling at this

moment might well be asked the old question adapted from the days of the war: 'Are you a paid or unpaid agent of the Kremlin?'"

Hungarian Bishops Ban Clergy Exodus

Vienna — (NC) — Priests under the jurisdiction of Hungarian bishops have been forbidden by them to leave Hungary under pain of automatic suspension from priestly functions, it was reported here.

The report said that no priest, whether actually or allegedly a member of the staff of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, may speak in the Cardinal's name. Any authorization such priests may have had has been revoked by the bishops.

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